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Ophelia Info

No doubt, you have heard about Ophelia, which is presently a tropical storm but may increase to a minor hurricane before reaching the coast. The storm is barely moving at all right now and that makes predictions about wind, rain, timing, etc. very difficult.

Click "here" to see the latest from the Dare County Control Group. Just to clear up a few rumors/bad information:

- Only the area south of Oregon Inlet is under a mandatory evacuation, which begins at 1:00 PM today (Tuesday). Presently, this does NOT affect the rest of Dare County, including Southern Shores.
- Dare County Schools will close at 12:00 Noon today (Tuesday).

What should you do?

- Keep track of the weather through the <u>National Hurricane Center</u> or other reliable sources.
- With the anticipated winds (and even non-hurricane force winds can turn debris into missiles!), please bring in your outdoor furniture, pool items, etc. by tonight. Anything else that isn't secured to the ground or to your building should either be brought inside or tied firmly to your house or other building.
- All construction sites should have all materials removed from the site by tonight or otherwise secured inside the building or attached to the building.
- Secure all garbage and recycling cans to your home or put them in the garage.
- For other storm preparedness tips, please click here.

We will send out Broadcast News to help keep you informed but please stay tuned to local media for up-to-date information.

Your Town employees and volunteers, especially the Fire Department, are making plans and doing their preparation. We ask you to do your part. If you have questions, please contact <u>Town Hall</u> (252-261-2394).

If you need a police officer, anytime day or night, this weekend or any day of the year, please call Central Communications at 473-3444. Write that number down and keep it by your phone, free phone stickers are available at Town Hall.

For more information, contact the Southern Shores Town Hall, 252-261-2394, 252-255-0876 (fax), info@southernshores-nc.gov, www.southernshores-nc.gov.

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